

VIRGINIA:

BEFORE THE VIRGINIA GAS AND OIL BOARD

IN RE:

SUPPLEMENTAL ORDER REGARDING DOCKET NUMBER VGOG-98-1117-0698

ELECTIONS: UNIT M-9
(herein "Subject Drilling Unit")

REPORT OF BOARD

FINDINGS AND ORDER

This Supplemental Order is entered by the Board *sua sponte* in the form authorized by the Board at hearings held on February 15, 1994 and June 16, 1992; and this Supplemental Order is being recorded for the purpose of supplementing the Order previously in the captioned matter on February 22, 1999 which was recorded at Deed Book 488, Page 630 in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Buchanan County, Virginia, on March 2, 1999, (herein "Board Order") and completing the record regarding elections.

Findings: The Board finds that:

The Board Order directed CONSOL Inc. (herein "Designated Operator") to mail copies of the Board Order to all Respondents whose interests, if any, were pooled by the said Board Order;

The Designated Operator filed its affidavit of elections disclosing that it had mailed a true and correct copy of the Board's Order to all Respondents whose interests, if any, were pooled by said Board Order;

The Board Order required each Respondent whose interests, if any, were pooled by the terms of said Board Order to make an election within thirty (30) days after the date of mailing or recording, as applicable, of said Order; the affidavit of elections filed herein and annexed hereto as Exhibit A states: (i) whether each Respondent has made or failed to make a timely election; (ii) the nature of any election(s) made; and (iii) whether, by reason of a failure to elect or to timely elect one or more Respondents are deemed, under the terms of the Board's Order, to have leased all their rights, title, interests, estates and claims in Subject Drilling Unit to the Applicant;

That the affidavit of elections annexed hereto with the Exhibits submitted therewith identifies the Respondent(s) making a timely election, if any; identifies the Respondent(s), if any, who are deemed to have leased; identifies the conflicting interests and claims which require escrow; identifies the interests and claims, if any, requiring escrow under Virginia Code section 45.1-361.21.D.; and identifies the Respondents, if any, who may be dismissed by reason of having leased or entered into a voluntary agreement with the Applicant.

The affidavit of elections indicates that the escrow of funds is required with regard to Unit M-9;


Order: By this Order, the Board orders the Designated Operator to tender, consistent with and in accordance with the findings set forth at paragraph 2. above and the annexed affidavit of elections with Exhibits thereto, any funds subject to escrow and instructs the Escrow Agent, First Virginia Bank-Mountain Empire, c/o Trust Department, P.O. Box 1038, Abingdon, VA 24210, or any successor named by the Board to establish interest bearing escrow account(s), IRS Tax Identification Number 54-1629506, in accordance with the information set forth in the affidavit of elections with Exhibits thereto, to receive funds and account to the Board therefor.

Mailing of Order and Filing of Affidavit: The Designated Operator under the captioned Order or shall file an affidavit with the Secretary of the Board within ten (10) days after the date of receipt of this Order stating that a true and correct copy of this Order was mailed to each Respondent whose interests or claims are subject to escrow and whose address is known within seven (7) days from the date of receipt of this Order.

Conclusion: Therefore, the findings and all terms and provisions set forth above be and hereby are granted and IT IS SO ORDERED.

Effective Date: This Order shall be effective on the date of its execution.

DONE AND EXECUTED this 22nd day of April, 1999, by a majority of the Virginia Gas and Oil Board.


Chairman, Benny R. Wampler

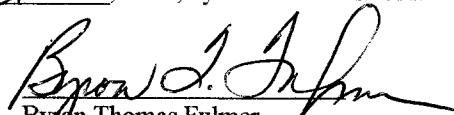
STATE OF VIRGINIA
COUNTY OF WISE

Acknowledged on this 22nd day of April, 1999, personally before me a notary public in and for the Commonwealth of Virginia, appeared Benny R. Wampler, being duly sworn did depose and say that he is Chairman of the Virginia Gas and Oil Board, that he executed the same and was authorized to do so.


Susan G. Garrett
Notary


My commission expires: 7-31-02.

DONE AND PERFORMED THIS 26th day of April, 1999, by Order of the Board.


Byron Thomas Fulmer
Principal Executive to the Staff
Virginia Gas and Oil Board

STATE OF VIRGINIA
COUNTY OF WASHINGTON

Acknowledged on this 26th day of April, 1999, personally before me a notary public in and for the Commonwealth of Virginia, appeared Byron Thomas Fulmer, being duly sworn did depose and say that he is Principal Executive to the Staff, Virginia Gas and Oil Board, that he executed the same and was authorized to do so.


Diane J. Davis, Notary

My commission expires: 9/30/2001.

VIRGINIA:

Exhibit A

BEFORE THE VIRGINIA GAS AND OIL BOARD

IN RE:

Application of Buchanan Production Company for Forced Pooling of Interests in CBM Unit M-9 VGOB-98-1117-0698 in the South Grundy District of Buchanan County, Virginia

AFFIDAVIT OF CONSOL Inc. (herein "Designated Operator") REGARDING ELECTIONS, ESCROW AND SUPPLEMENTAL ORDER

Leslie K. Arrington, being first duly sworn on oath, deposes and says:

That your affiant is employed by CONSOL Inc., as a Permit Specialist and is duly authorized to make this affidavit on behalf of Buchanan Production Company, the designated operator,

That the Order entered on February 22, 1999, by the Virginia Gas and Oil Board (hereinafter "Board") regarding the captioned CBM Unit required the Applicant to mail a true and correct copy of said Order to each person pooled by the Order;

That within seven (7) days of receipt of an executed copy of the Order referred to at paragraph 2. above, your affiant caused a true and correct copy of said Order to be mailed via the United States Postal Service to each Respondent named in the captioned Application, whose address was known, and to all persons, if any, who were added as Respondents at the hearing held in the captioned matter; that proof of such mailing has previously been tendered to the Division of Gas and Oil, the Office of the Gas and Oil Inspector, at Abingdon, Virginia;

That the Order of the Board in the captioned matter required all persons pooled thereby to tender their written elections to the Unit Operator within thirty (30) days of the date the Order was recorded in the county identified above; that said Order was recorded on March 2, 1999;

That the designated operator CONSOL Inc. has established procedures to review all mail received and all written documents received other than by mail to ascertain whether parties whose interests have been pooled have made a written election, in a timely fashion, as required by the captioned Order; that said procedures were followed to identify the elections, if any, made with regard to the Subject Unit; that the following persons delivered, by mail or otherwise, written elections the Unit Operator, within the thirty day elections period:

None.

That Respondents identified in Exhibit B-3 hereto are, having failed to make any election, deemed to have leased their coalbed methane rights, interests and claims to Applicant, all as provided in the Board's Order of February 22, 1999;

SEE ATTACHED EXHIBIT B-3

That the rights, interests and claims of the following persons are subject to escrow under the Board's Order pooling the captioned Unit, Board Regulations and the Code of Virginia:

None.

That after the pooling hearing held in the captioned matter, the following persons have leased or entered into a voluntary agreement with the Designated Operator:

None

that to the extent any of said persons listed in Exhibit B-2 have rights, interests and claims which are not subject to escrow, they should be dismissed as respondents; the Operator requests that the following persons be dismissed as Respondents:

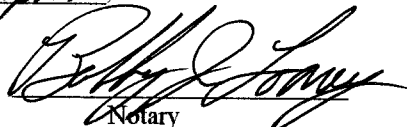
None.

That pursuant to the provisions of VAC 25-160-70.A.10. and C. and VAC 25-160-80 the annexed supplemental order sets forth the interests and claims that require escrow of funds pursuant to Virginia Code sections 45.1-361.21.D. and 45.1-361.22.A.3. and 4.

Dated at Tazewell, Virginia, this 6th day of APRIL, 1999.


Leslie K. Arrington

Taken, subscribed and sworn to before me by Leslie K. Arrington as Permit Specialist of CONSOL Inc., on behalf of the corporate Designated Operator, this 6th day of April, 1999.


Notary

My commission expires: 1-31-2001.

UNIT M-9
Docket No. VGOB-98-1117-0698
Exhibit B-3
List of Unleased Owners/Claimants

	Net Acres in Unit	Interest in Unit	Division of Interest in		Election	
			11-Panel 10.70531%	12-Panel 19.45465%		
I. COAL, OIL & GAS FEE OWNERSHIP						
<u>TRACT #3 - 3.63 acres</u>						
(1)	George & Mary Ratliff Heirs, Devisees, Successors or Assigns ADDRESS UNKNOWN	3.63 acres	4.53750%	0.48575%	0.88275%	Deemed Leased
(a)	Charles W. Ratliff Rt. 6, Box Tazewell, VA	0.050 acres 1/72 of 3.63 acres	0.06302%	0.00675%	0.01226%	Deemed Leased
(b)	Bascome Ratliff Ratliff Field Maintenance Inc. 37001 Schoolcraft Livonia, MI 448150	0.050 acres 1/72 of 3.63 acres	0.06302%	0.00675%	0.01226%	Deemed Leased
(c)	Helen & Everett Elswick Star Route, Box 330 Big Rock, VA 24603	0.050 acres 1/72 of 3.63 acres	0.06302%	0.00675%	0.01226%	Deemed Leased
(d)	Emory Ratliff 283 Friendship Drive Bristol, TN	0.050 acres 1/72 of 3.63 acres	0.06302%	0.00675%	0.01226%	Deemed Leased
(e)	Bessie Hamon 726 Union Avenue Romeoville, IL 60441	0.403 acres 1/9 of 3.63 acres	0.50417%	0.05397%	0.09808%	Deemed Leased
(f)	Minnie Gibson 8313 York Street Cincinnati, OH 45236	0.403 acres 1/9 of 3.63 acres	0.50417%	0.05397%	0.09808%	Deemed Leased
(g)	Shirley J. Ratliff 7900 Lily Pond Lane Wilmington, NC 28405	0.067 acres 1/54 of 3.63 acres	0.08403%	0.00900%	0.01635%	Deemed Leased
(h)	Edna Stiltner Box 185 Cedar Bluff, VA 24609	0.067 acres 1/54 of 3.63 acres	0.08403%	0.00900%	0.01635%	Deemed Leased
(i)	Walter Paul Ratliff P.O. Box 323 Max Meadows, VA 24360	0.067 acres 1/54 of 3.63 acres	0.08403%	0.00900%	0.01635%	Deemed Leased
(j)	E. Ralph & Sally Ratliff Box 174 Vansant, VA 24656	0.067 acres 1/54 of 3.63 acres	0.08403%	0.00900%	0.01635%	Deemed Leased
(k)	Charles Richardson Ratliff Box 743 Vansant, VA 24656	0.067 acres 1/54 of 3.63 acres	0.08403%	0.00900%	0.01635%	Deemed Leased
(l)	Edith R. Little 215 Parsons Street Moulidin, SC 29662	0.067 acres 1/54 of 3.63 acres	0.08403%	0.00900%	0.01635%	Deemed Leased

VIRGINIA: In the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Buchanan County. The foregoing instrument was this day presented in the Office aforesaid and is, together with the certificate of acknowledgment annexed, admitted to record this 30th day of April, 1999, at 12:15 P. M. Deed Book No. 491 and Page No. 238. TESTE: James M. Bevins, Jr., Clerk
Returned this date to Deputy Clerk

INSTRUMENT #990001152
RECORDED IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE OF
BUCHANAN COUNTY ON
APRIL 30, 1999 AT 12:15PM
JAMES M. BEVINS JR., CLERK

BY: _____


(JMC)

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA



OFFICIAL RECEIPT
BUCHANAN COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT
DEED RECEIPT

DATE: 04/30/99 TIME: 12:15:57 ACCOUNT: 027CLR990001152 RECEIPT: 99000002905
CASHIER: AMT REG: 3001 TYPE: OTHER PAYMENT: FULL PAYMENT
INSTRUMENT : 990001152 BOOK: PAGE: RECORDED: 04/30/99 AT 12:15
GRANTOR: VIRGINIA GAS AND OIL BOARD EX: N LEE: 00
GRANTEE: BUCHANAN PRODUCTION COMPANY EX: N PCT: 100%
AND ADDRESS :

RECEIVED OF : DEPT MINES MINERALS ENERGY

CHECK : \$15.00

DESCRIPTION 1: DECLARATION OF POOLING
2:

CONSIDERATION:	1.00	ASSUMT/VAL:	1.00	MAP:	
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301 DEEDS	14.00	145 VSLF			1.00

TENDERED : 15.00
AMOUNT PAID: 15.00
CHANGE AMT : .00

CLERK OF COURT: JAMES H. BEVINS JR.